GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Horticulture - Procurement of 2976.76 MTs of unsold Cocoa beans with the prescribed Standard Operating Procedure for the current season to provide remunerative prices to cocoa farmers - Sanction Rs.14.884 Crore @ Rs.50/- per Kg. as Government support price - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (H&S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 606 Dated: 16-07-2025

Read:

From Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, AP, Guntur, e-file Comp.No.2846973.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, A.P., Guntur has stated that, the Cocoa farmers have represented several times that, they are deprived of getting remunerative prices and also carried agitations at state level and district level for implementation of international Cocoa price to their beans and requested the Government for necessary action. Series of discussions and a meeting was held at the State Secretariat with representatives of the Farmers' Association, Cocoa farmers, State officials of the Horticulture Department, and Cocoa bean purchasing Companies to discuss the issues faced by Cocoa farmers and it was instructed to resolve the issue amicably for this season and for next season to plan /work out permanent solutions. The Director, Horticulture & Sericulture has therefore requested to release Rs.14.884 Crores for procurement of 2976.76 MT quantity of cocoa beans @ Rs.50/kg towards differential price as Government support for this season.

2. The Agricultural Marketing Department has agreed the proposal of Horticulture Department for release of Rs.14.884 Crores for procurement of 2976.76 MTs of cocoa beans @ 50/-kg towards differential price as Government support for this season from Price Stabilization Fund in the interest of cocoa farmers.

3. After careful consideration of the matter, Government hereby accord permission to the Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, A.P., Guntur to procure 976.76 MTs of unsold Cocoa beans with the prescribed Standard Operating Procedure for the current season to provide remunerative prices to cocoa farmers, ensuring their economic well-being and sustaining cocoa cultivation in the state and protect the farmers from distress sale and Sanction of Rs.14.884 Crore @ Rs.50/- per Kg. as Government support price from the Price Stabilization Fund.

4. The Director of Agricultural Marketing is hereby directed to release Rs.14.884Crore from the “Price Stabilization Fund” to the Director of Horticulture and Sericulture, A.P., Guntur for procurement of 2976.76 MTs of unsold Cocoa beans for the current season to provide remunerative prices to cocoa farmers @ Rs.50/- per Kg as Government support price.

5. The Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, A.P., Guntur and the Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. This order issued with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-A&C, AHDDF&CS) Department, vide their U.O.No:FIN01-FMU0PC(AC)/20/ 2025-FMU-AC-CS-AH (computer no: 2852126), Dt:14 .07.2025.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P.,Guntur.

Copy to:

The Finance (FMU-A&C, AHDDF&CS) Department.
The G.A.(Cabinet-II)Department.
(w.r.t.U.O.Note No.264/2025, Dt:09.07.2025)
The Agri. & Coop.(Mktg.III)Dept.,
The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble C.M.
The PS to Hon'ble Minister(Agriculture).
The PS to Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government,
A&C Department.
SC/SF.

//FORWARDED: : BY ORDER//

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